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## **Iowa Department on Aging Announces Centenarian Honors Celebration To Be Held October 23, 2012**

*The 2012 Centenarian Honors Celebration will be held at the Historical Building in Des Moines*

(Des Moines, IA) Today Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) Director Donna Harvey announced that the 2012 Centenarian Honors Celebration will be held in Des Moines October 23.

"The 2012 Centenarian Honors Reception will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Historical Building in Des Moines. According to the recent numbers from the 2010 U.S. Census, Iowa has 846 Iowans age 100 or above. Per capita, Iowa has the third highest number of centenarians in the country," Director Harvey stated.

Governor Branstad will be speaking at the event and he, along with Lt. Governor Reynolds will be recognizing Iowa's newest centenarians.

Dan Kaercher, host of the Iowa Public Television show *Iowa's Simple Pleasures* and retired editor-in-chief for **Midwest Living** Magazine will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

The event will run from 1:30PM-3:30PM October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 and the cost per guest is \$20.00. For those interested in attending, or wanting more information, please call 515/725-3312 or check out the department's website at: [www.iowaaging.gov](http://www.iowaaging.gov). Seating is limited.

"Iowa's Centenarians are a living link to our history and valued members of our families and communities. Their hard work and wisdom helped build this great state and we are the recipients of the contributions and sacrifices they have made and continue to make," Director Harvey concluded.

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